RENE L. VALLADARES 1 Federal Public Defender Nevada State Bar No. 11479 2 NISHA BROOKS-WHITTINGTON Assistant Federal Public Defender 3 411 E. Bonneville, Ste. 250 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 4 (702) 388-6577/Phone (702) 388-6261/Fax 5 Nisha\_Brooks-Whittington@fd.org 6 Attorney for Voncel Tate 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA** 9 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No. 2:19-cr-00111-APG-NJK 11 Plaintiff, STIPULATION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING HEARING 12 v. (Third Request) 13 VONCEL TATE, 14 Defendant. 15 16 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between 17 Nicholas A. Trutanich, United States Attorney, and Brian Y. Whang, Assistant United 18 States Attorney, counsel for the United States of America, and Rene L. Valladares, 19 Federal Public Defender, and Nisha Brooks-Whittington, Assistant Federal Public 20 Defender, counsel for Voncel Tate, that the Sentencing Hearing currently scheduled on 21 October 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., be vacated and continued to a date and time convenient to the 22 Court, but no earlier than sixty (60) days. 23 /// 24 /// 25 /// 26

The Stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

- 1. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially classified COVID-19 a pandemic.<sup>1</sup> Governor Steve Sisolak declared a State of Emergency in Nevada on March 12, 2020. On March 16, 2020, the CDC recommended that all in-person events consisting of 10 or more people be postponed or cancelled throughout the United States.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. As of September 17, 2020, Nevada has 74,595 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 1,506 deaths.<sup>3</sup> Also, as of September 17, 2020, the new strain of coronavirus which causes COVID-19, has infected over 29 million people, leading to at least 944,887 deaths worldwide.<sup>4</sup>
- 3. In light of this pandemic, the growing number of infected individuals in the State of Nevada and worldwide, and the CDC's recommendations, counsel request a continuance of the sentencing hearing.
- 4. Additionally, the defense requests additional time to prepare for sentencing and to gather mitigation information which is relevant to the sentencing disposition of this case.
  - 5. The defendant is incarcerated and does not object to the continuance.
  - 6. The parties agree to the continuance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WHO Characterizes COVID-19 as a Pandemic, World Health Organization (Mar. 11, 2020) at <a href="https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---11-march-2020">https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---11-march-2020</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Center for Disease Control: COVID-19 <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/</a> (last visited Mar. 24, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/ (last visited September 17, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Coronavirus Resource Center*, John Hopkins University (last visited September 17, 2020), <a href="https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html">https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html</a>.

This is the third stipulation to continue filed herein. DATED this 21st day of September 2020. NICHOLAS A. TRUTANICH United States Attorney RENE L. VALLADARES Federal Public Defender /s/ Nisha Brooks-Whittington /s/ Brian Y. Whang By\_ By\_ NISHA BROOKS-WHITTINGTON Assistant Federal Public Defender BRIAN Y. WHANG Assistant United States Attorney 

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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4	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	Case No. 2:19-cr-00111-APG-NJK
5	Plaintiff,	<u>ORDER</u>
6	V.	
7	VONCEL TATE,	
8	Defendant.	
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10	IT IS ORDERED that the sentencing h	nearing currently scheduled for Wednesday
1	October 7, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., be vacated and continued to <u>December 16, 2020</u> at the	
12	hour of 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom 6C	
13	DATED this 21st day of Sontomber 2020	
14	DATED this 21st day of September 2020	).
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